

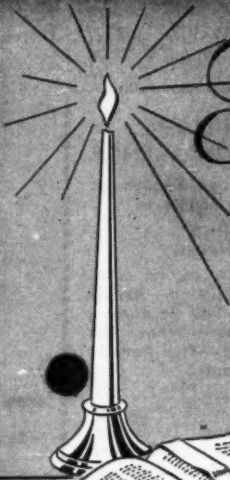
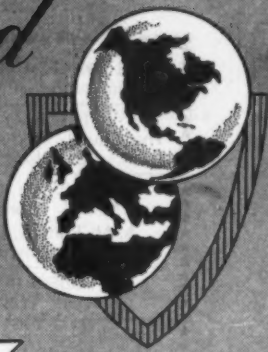


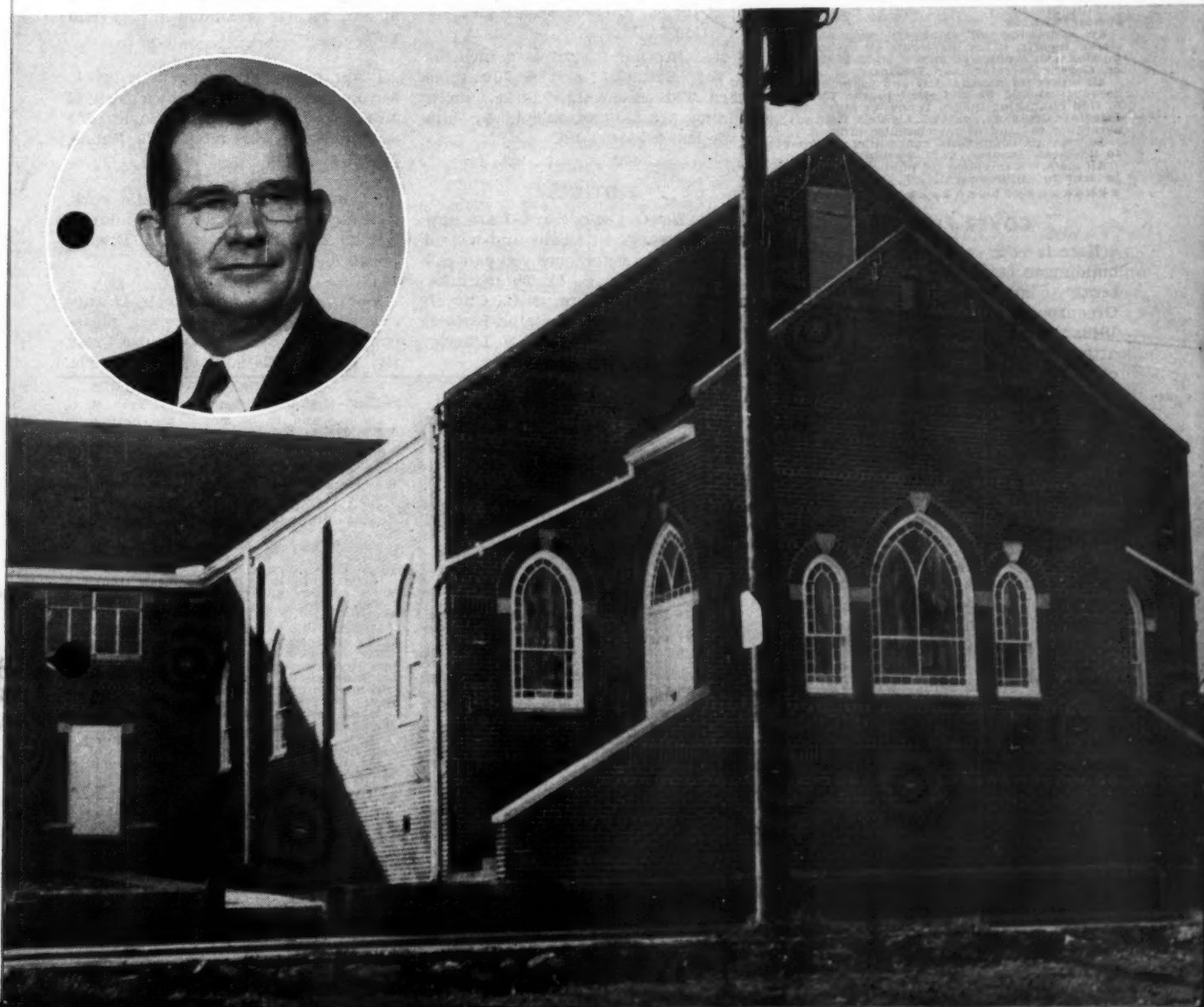
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COVER PICTURE

Here is the new \$60,000 church
 building in Greensboro, N. C., just re-
 cently completed. After coming to
 Greensboro as pastor, in September,
 1948, the Sunday School and church
 attendance began to increase and
 continued to the point, that we could
 readily see the need of a larger and
 more adequate building.

The old church was a brick building,
 but too small and inadequate to ac-
 commodate the crowds and future
 growth of the church. On August
 28, 1949, we began our new building,
 by tearing down the old one and
 building a completely new church.

The building is of solid mason walls,
 with steel-trussed roof. The main
 auditorium, with seating capacity of
 650 to 700, is 40X74 feet, with an L
 extension wing, 20X32 feet, opening
 into the auditorium, with 20-foot
 modern plastic folding doors; also, a
 wing 8X24 feet, on the opposite side,
 and a nice baptistry behind the choir-
 loft.

The Sunday School department is
 two-story, with a small auditorium,
 an office, eleven Sunday School rooms,
 a ladies' lounge, and 2 rest rooms. The
 front vestibule is 8X20 feet, with

swinging doors entering each aisle. A
 complete new heating plant has been
 installed in the basement. The new
 church has an estimated value of \$60,-
 000, with an indebtedness of \$24,000.

We moved in on Sunday, November
 6, for the opening day of our new
 church, and it was indeed a great
 occasion. Our state overseer, Rev. E.
 W. Williams, and state youth director,
 Rev. E. C. Thomas, were with us.
 Their fine messages were an inspira-
 tion to all. Following this great day,
 we began a revival with Rev. E. W.
 Angley doing the preaching, and it
 continued through December 4, with
 good success. There were 47 saved, 29
 sanctified, 15 baptized with the Holy
 Ghost, 17 baptized in water, and 18
 added to the church.

We feel like saying with the psalm-
 ist David, "The Lord hath done great
 things for us, whereof we are glad."—
 V. D. Combs, Pastor.

Note: Brother Combs is a member
 of the Editorial and Publications
 Board. This is the third large church
 building program completed by him
 in the last 8 years.—Ed.

NOTICES

Sister Bessie Connor and I are now
 open for evangelistic calls and will go
 anywhere. For references you can call
 our pastors, Rev. G. C. Timmerman,
 pastor of Spartanburg, S. C., Church
 of God No. 1; and Rev. Ralph Brewer.
 —Sister Nettie Morris, 728 N. Liberty,
 Spartanburg, S. C.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My husband to be saved; the healing of
 my body.—Virginia Nelson, Burkeville, Va.
 The healing of my body.—J. A. Hill.
 A cousin who has cancer; a hurting in my
 back.—Mrs. W. L. Hudspeth, Newton, Ala.
 My brother to be saved and healed; my
 grandchild and daughter-in-law to be healed.
 —Sister D. A. Gilley, Cedartown, Ga.
 Julia Hubbard to be healed.
 My wife to be healed of a heart ailment.—
 G. M. Chitwood, Royston, Ga.
 My cousin to be healed; the healing of
 my body.—Miss Laura Hubbard, Elizabeth-
 ton, Tenn.
 The salvation of my sister and her hus-
 band; my sister to be healed; my home.—
 Mrs. L. B. Sheirling, Fruithurst, Ala.
 The complete healing of my body.—E. M.
 Hill, New Albany, Miss.
 The healing of my body.—Mrs. W. E. Kirby,
 Chattanooga, Tenn.
 My lost children; my arm to be healed.—
 Stella Morris, Willis Point, Texas.
 Mrs. Jennie Gunter to be healed of a
 serious throat trouble; my husband and
 daughter.—Mrs. Dorothy Heath, Talladega, Ala.
 The healing of my body.—Mrs. Ruth Fox,
 Littleton, W. Va.
 God to heal me and my little boys.—Agnes
 Reed, Grandview, Tenn.
 My little boy to be healed; my body and
 mind to be healed; a terrible load to be lifted.
 —Mrs. C. P. Reed, Grandview, Tenn.
 The healing of my body.—Mrs. Roy Cook,
 Jasper, Ga.
 My son to be saved and healed; the healing
 of my body; my family to be saved and

SECOND ANNUAL PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE

Place—East Chattanooga Church of
 God, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Time—February 22-26

Subject—SECOND COMING

Such sermons on His second com-
 ing as: **Signs of His Coming—Readi-
 ness for His Return—The Rapture—
 The Marriage Supper—What His
 Coming Means to Me—The Revela-
 tion—The Ages to Come.**

Speakers—J. D. Smith; H. D. Wil-
 liams; W. E. Johnson, overseer of
 Alabama; J. L. Goins; J. D. Bright,
 Editor-in-Chief; Ray H. Hughes; Zeno
 C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer.
 The host pastor, J. A. Cross, extends
 to the people of Alabama, Georgia,
 and Tennessee a warm invitation to
 attend this great feast.

Jennie Townsend, Box 12, North
 Apollo, Pa., is available for revival
 work.

I am open for evangelistic work.
 Anyone desiring me for a revival
 please contact me.—G. R. Boyles, 503
 Second Street, Portsmouth, Va. Phone,
 9-1919.

I am still in the evangelistic work,
 fighting sin and the devil. My address
 is Carl T. Williams, Route 1, Box
 Ponce le Leon, Fla.

I am now open for revivals. If any-
 one desires me for a revival, please
 contact me.—Evangelist Elouise Croft,
 Rt. 10, Box 624½, Jacksonville, Fla.

healed.—Mrs. Dullie Hensley, Old Fort, N. C.
 My husband to be saved; the healing of
 my body.—Louise Martin, Gadsden, Ala.

The salvation and healing of my brother-in-
 law who is in a T. B. sanitarium; my hus-
 band to be sanctified and baptized with the
 Holy Ghost; my children to be saved.—Gemilla
 Wilson, Rockland, Ohio.

My sister to be healed of heart and kidney
 trouble.—Magdalene Harrington, Lake City,
 Fla.

Mrs. Mixon, of Montgomery, La., to be
 healed; she has been crippled for seventeen
 years.—Jady Wright, Colfax, La.

Our daughter to be healed of heart trouble.—
 W. E. Rodgers, Overt, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. E. B. Carter,
 Shelby, Ala.

My sister to be healed of cancer.—Mrs. G.
 C. Emerson, Mt. Airy, N. C.

The complete healing of my daughter
 has been mentally sick for almost nine years.
 My husband to be saved and delivered from
 the tobacco habit; my son to be saved.—Mrs.
 Elsie V. Freeman, Burdette, Ark.

My little girl to be healed.—Mrs. Paul
 Harris, Sayre, Ala.

Our little boy; my wife's body; our church.—
 Lannie Wiggins, Donelsonville, Ga.

My little boy to be healed.—Mary Lemaster,
 Mt. Park, Okla.

God to heal my ankles.—W. A. Campbell,
 Cleveland, S. C.

My children to be saved; my daughter to
 be healed.—Mrs. Della Etheridge, Columbus,
 Ga.

Healing of my broken wrist.—Florence
 Statum, Statesboro, Ga.
 My body to be healed.—Mrs. L. L. Charles,
 West Va.

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EDITORIAL QUOTATIONS

BUILDING FOR ETERNITY

We are building for eternity—every day,
By the things we do and the things we say.
So let's be careful that we do not slip;
Follow our Captain, don't wreck the ship.
Keep moving along, but keep hold of His hand,
Go upward and onward to the promised land.
Many of our friends have gone on before;
Make no mistake for Christ is the Door.
He is the Way, and the Truth and the Life,
Depend upon Him and there'll be no strife.
The joy of His presence makes us bold!
He is more to us than much pure gold.
In Him we can rest safe and secure,
And by His Spirit we can keep ourselves pure.
The way is narrow and the path is straight,
And as we look we can see the gate.
Lay aside the weight of sin,
Come—join with His children and enter in.
Keep close to God as He leads the way
Straight through to the eternal day.
And by the power of His divine presence,
We may preach His Word to all the peasants.
Continue, dear Lord, thy leadership, and go before,
And we shall praise Thee forevermore. —From *Protestant Voice*

FUNDAMENTALISTS LOSE FRIEND

With the passing of Dr. Walter Maier, of "Lutheran Hour" fame, the Bible believing Christians of the U. S. lost a great friend and champion. An old-fashioned Lutheran who believed the Bible and preached his convictions without compromise, Maier had been under attack many times by the forces of Satan, the modernists, socialists and pro-communists. Only a short time

before his death he was one of the subjects of a smear written by Eleanor Roosevelt which later had to be retracted.

Dr. Maier died Wednesday, January 11, in St. Louis, Mo., of a heart attack. He was stricken with an earlier attack on December 29. Famed for his international radio program which reached into fifty-nine nations, Dr. Maier had an audience estimated at 20 million listeners.

Educated at Concordia Theological seminary in St. Louis, and at Harvard university, Dr. Maier was a scholar in Semitic languages. He was a professor at Concordia seminary from 1922 until 1944, and was editor of the *Walther League Messenger*, a Lutheran young people's newspaper. Under his guidance, the circulation of the paper rose from 7,000 to 75,000 readers.

Dr. Maier received a leave of absence from his teaching duties in 1944 so he could devote full time to his radio broadcast. In 1947 an estimate showed that he had received 4 million letters in his twelve years on the air. He had a staff of 100 clerks to handle the 25,000 letters a week which he received from listeners. Many of them requested advice on personal or family problems, and all of these Maier answered personally.

WHERE TO FIND HELP

When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
When sorrowful, read John 14; Psalm 46.
When men fall you, read Psalm 27.
When you have sinned, read Psalm 51; 1 John 1.
When you worry, read Matt. 6:19-34; Psalm 43.
When in sickness, read Psalm 41.
When in danger, read Psalm 91.
When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.
When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.
When you want courage, read Joshua 1:1-9.
When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
When you want rest and peace, read

Matthew 11:25-30.

When you want assurance, read Romans 8:28-39.

When looking for joy, read Colossians 3.

When you leave home to travel, read Psalm 121.

When you grow bitter or critical, read 1 Corinthians 13.

When you think of investments, read Mark 10:17-31.

THE TWO PARDONED MEN

A shamefaced employee was summoned to the office of the senior partner to hear his doom. The least that he could expect was a blistering dismissal; he might be sent to prison for years. The old man called his name and asked him if he were guilty. The clerk stammered out that he had no defense. "I shall not send you to prison," said the old man. "If I take you back, can I trust you?" When the surprised and broken clerk had given assurance, and was about to leave, the senior partner continued: "You are the second man who has fallen and been pardoned in this business. I was the first. What you have done, I did. The mercy you have received, I received. God help us all."

—*Christian Endeavor World*

WHY NOT KEEP IT AWAY?

A friend of ours is more than a little amused by the notes one agency puts on liquor copy it sends to newspapers. These read:

- "1. Sports page preferred.
- "2. Copy must be kept away from other liquor advertising.
- "3. Copy must be kept from local cut-rate liquor advertising.
- "4. Copy must be kept away from headache or stomach-distress advertising.
- "5. Copy must also be kept away from news items on Drunken Driving, Death Notices, Church Items, Anti-Liquor Articles, etc."—*Advertising Age*.

SPORTS BARRED DURING WORSHIP HOURS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Protests from the Birmingham Pastor's Association have caused the city commission to bar sports events from Legion Field, a municipal stadium, on Sundays during morning and evening worship hours. Sports contests will henceforth be held only on Sunday afternoons.

The clergymen based their protest on the ground that games drew such crowds and caused such noise that they disrupted services in near-by churches.

Editorials...

YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

John 3:7

It is highly possible for us to think of the sternness of the "thou shalt's" and "thou shalt not's" of the Old Testament with the attitude that we are a special privileged people who are surrounded only by the glorious beatitudes of our day of GRACE. If so, upon second thought, I am sure we remember that the Lord Jesus spoke in a language equally as stern and positive in His teachings and doctrines for this dispensation of grace as in the language used by His Father in the Ten Commandments.

One of the strongest and most unequivocal statements the Lord Jesus ever made is that of our text, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye MUST be born again."

"Why

Must I be born again?" you ask. First of all, because Jesus said so. It has never been the rightful privilege of man to question the statements or laws of God or his Son. Second, you MUST be born again or you'll never see the kingdom of God. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," John 3:3. You MUST be born again if you would be born of incorruptible seed. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever," of which we come into possession through the new birth, is a well of water (within us), springing up into everlasting life, and as Paul says, "Though our outward man perish, the inward man is renewed day by day."

"How

Must one be born again?" 1. By "the SPIRIT," John 3:3,6. 2. By God; "which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God," John 1:13. The flesh life and parental laws and relations have no connection with or power over the new birth. 3. By receiving Jesus and believing on Him. "... as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name," John 1:12. 4. You must be born again through the redeeming blood of Jesus. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," 1 Peter 1:18,19. Just as surely as it is through blood that physical life is germinated and developed, just so surely is the germination and development of our newborn being due to the unwavering faith which we have in the blood of Jesus. In this connection you also remember these words, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins," Col. 1:14.

First, man's part is to confess. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," 1 John 1:9. Paul says, "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation," Rom. 10:10. Not only MUST a person confess (acknowledge) his sins, but he MUST repent as he confesses, and that with godly

sorrow. In 2 Cor. 7:10, we read, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation." This is the same as saying that repentance with godly sorrow brings about the new birth. Another noticeable thing about the person seeking the newborn life is that marvelous faith which takes hold of his very soul and fills him with such wonderful confidence that as he confesses and repents faith rises in his heart, and he finds himself standing before the throne, or God's mercy seat, receiving complete pardon and acquittal for all sins which he has committed. With that triumphant joy of sins forgiven, he knows he is justified, and there is genuine peace between his soul and God. This is the new birth in full reality.

The Conduct of a Born-Again Person

John says, "WHOSOEVER is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." John the beloved is telling us that as long as the born-again person has victory, he will, by no means, commit wilful sin. On the other hand, it wouldn't be reasonable to say it is impossible for a born-again person to sin; that would be security to the extreme. As long as man has his "free moral agency," he can sin when he wants to. If he should sin, this same writer shows him what to do. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous," 1 John 2:1.

The new birth is certainly not a life in which a person can be excused for dabbling in or with sin. A truly born-again person is far from having the slightest intention of committing sin. The Lord's testimony of born-again people is that they are not of the world. For a person to think in terms of the power of the blood in covering his sins and forever blotting them out, would be the grossest of disrespect to the sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus. Not only are actual transgressions done away with by the blood, but the actual life and existence of the child of God is dependent on the blood.

In all consistency, we must at all times let first things be first, and, in God's all wise economy, the NEW BIRTH takes precedence over all other experiences, graces, and gifts within the reach of the human family; but it does not eliminate them or render them unnecessary. Therefore the plain, unequivocal statement of the Lord Jesus, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye MUST be born again," rings out with as much positiveness now as it did that night in the very ears of Nicodemus, nineteen hundred years ago.

QUEEN MARY GIVES CARPET SHE MADE TO AID DOLLAR DRIVE

Britain's 82-year-old queen mother made her contribution to the nation's drive to earn more dollars. She gave a ten-foot two-inch needlework carpet of her own making, with the express wish that it be sold in North America and the dollar proceeds turned over to the national exchequer.

Well, after all, I suppose this is the nearest real motherly appeal that our "mother land" has made to us for dollars yet, and like the obedient children we have been for years, there will, of course, be a lot of dollars paid for the queen's carpet; but one consolation, the carpet will be here to show what the dollars went to Britain for.

... TESTIMONIES ...

PARSONS, Kans.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I praise the Lord for healing me and for healing our baby of a cold. He has healed me many times.—Mrs. C. A. Starks.

ELKINS, W. Va.—I thank God for the healing He has wrought in my body. I suffered a total nervous breakdown soon after the birth of my little girl, about 9 years ago. About 2 years later I developed a severe stomach trouble and low blood count. Then a few months back I developed an intestinal trouble. A few weeks ago Rev. James Reesor, who has the gift of healing, held a revival here. After praying for me 3 times, God came on the scene and healed me. This healing is a gradual one, but already there has been a decided improvement in my physical condition. We must meet all of God's conditions if we expect healing, and if we are obedient to His will in every way, we may have healing for the asking if we believe. God has healed me many times, for which I praise Him. I covet an interest in the prayers of all who read this that I may keep the victory over all things and have a greater faith in God each passing day.—Laura Hathaway.

PLYMOUTH, N. C.—I praise the Lord for healing me. He has been my Healer for over 2 years, and I haven't taken any medicine in that time. I do believe God can and will heal if we will only trust Him in all things and be faithful until He comes.—Mrs. A. L. Bodwell.

PULASKI, Va.—I promised the Lord if He would take away the dizziness in my head, I would send a testimony of His healing power to the *Evangel*. Everyone please pray that I may be completely healed.—June Garlic.

LEWISTOWN, Mont.—My heart is full of joy and singing praises to God for miraculously healing me of acid stomach, with which I suffered for 64 years. In the latter part of August I wrote Brother Oral Roberts, of Tulsa, Okla., requesting him to send me an anointed cloth for my healing. I received the cloth and put it on my

stomach Sunday night, Sept. 15, 1949. Something told me to wear it 7 days. On the seventh day I fasted all day and removed the cloth, and praise God, I haven't had any more sour stomach.—J. J. Burnside.

MACON, Ga.—I praise the Lord today for His many blessings to me. He is a true friend in the time of need, if we will only trust Him. A problem came up in my life a few months past that I didn't know what to do with only to take it to the Lord in prayer. That is just what I did, and He wonderfully answered two requests within the same week about it. I'm truly thanking Him with all my heart. Jesus surely will answer prayer if we'll only believe.—Mrs. Mildred Carr.

W. ASHEVILLE, N. C.—We shall never cease praising God for His wonderful protection over our family the night of January 4. My husband and I were going to retire when I happened to notice our living room curtains were on fire. Very quickly he moved the furniture out of the way and pulled the curtains and shades to the floor and beat out the fire. I truly thank God that my husband was at home at the time and that he kept calm enough to put out the fire. Without God's help it could have meant possible disaster for us and our two small children. We certainly owe our lives to Him.—Mrs. Raymond Merrill.

TOLEDO, Ohio—I praise God for wonderfully saving and sanctifying my husband. We were in the home of Brother and Sister George Ballinger praying, and God came down in a wonderful way. I had prayed for him so long. He was a Catholic and had been one since he was a baby, having a Catholic mother. He did not know anything about God's grace and saving power until He got saved.—Sister Christine Stanley.

I praise the Lord for healing my body. I am ten years old. I suffered with asthma about two weeks. I had to sit up in bed to get my breath. I was healed one night when our pastor came to pray for me. I praise the Lord for the testimonies in the *Evangel*.—Jimmie Kate Perry.

WYATT, Mo.—I have just been reading the good testimonies and of the good revivals conducted in different districts. Truly it makes my heart glad to know the dear Lord is blessing in such a mighty and marvelous way. I love the Lord and praise Him for His saving and keeping power. I praise Him for His healing power. I have been healed many times by His mighty power. He also healed my family. I don't live close to a Church of God, but my desire is to live true.—Mrs. Lillie Pierce.

EDGEFIELD, S. C.—I praise God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. I thank the Lord for a Christian home and for the healing power of Jesus. I praise Him for healing my body. The Lord is good to all who will let Him be. Pray for me that I will stay humble at Jesus' feet where I can be used to be a blessing to others.—Mrs. D. P. Burton.

WALHALLA, S. C.—I praise the Lord from the depths of my heart for what He means to me. I praise the Lord for healing me of flu or pneumonia. My children and I have been healed many times. I praise the Lord for saving some of my children. Please pray for the others who are in sin to get salvation before it is too late.—Sister L. M. Ball.

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.—I praise God for healing me of a heart attack and of a stomach trouble that I had for 3 or 4 years. He also healed me of sinus trouble. Then in December, He wonderfully healed our little boy of a severe head trouble.—George Ingram.

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...REVIVALS...

WHITWELL, Tenn.—We have thanksgiving in our hearts for the goodness of God and the unspeakable gift of His Son who freely died for us. We came to this church in June, one month before the state convention. In a revival meeting which lasted one and a half weeks, 10 were saved, 6 sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 8 baptized in water, and 8 added to the church. Soon after returning from the convention, where our souls were inspired to do more in soul winning, we began a revival, with a young minister, Marion Hall, of Lenoir City, Tenn., doing the preaching. God surely did favor us, and in three weeks there were 45 saved, 30 sanctified, 23 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 33 baptized in water, and 11 added to the church. We are still rejoicing over these wonderful services. At times souls would run for the altar. Brother Hall did some fine preaching, and I believe any church would be blessed by his ministry.

We have been blessed in a material way, also. We have painted the church, built three-way concrete steps and repaired and painted the inside of the parsonage. We have some precious people at this place, and we appreciate them. Again we say thanks be unto God, who is due the praise.—T. R. Martin.

RINGGOLD, Ga.—The Cedar Valley Church of God has just closed one of the best revivals we have ever had. Eleven were saved, 8 sanctified, and 25 filled with the Holy Ghost. Under the able leadership of our good pastor, the Reverend Womack, the church has steadily grown in every department, and the attendance has more than doubled since his coming. Sister Dorothy Berry conducted this recent revival and we think she is one of the best evangelists we have ever known.—Dorothy Stanley.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Tenn.—We at Mount Pleasant, Tenn., are praising God for a revival that has been conducted by Rev. J. T. Jeade, of Mt. Dora, Fla., who was a able preacher and gave out some great messages. Many were stirred by his preaching. There were 5 saved, 3 sanctified, and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost. This revival will long

be remembered.—Mrs. Howard L. Russell, 507 Walnut Street.

OAK GROVE, Ky.—We truly thank God for His many blessings to us and for the Church of God. We thank God for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister G. R. Morris, who conducted a revival for us. There were 7 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water, and 14 added to the church. We are building our pastor a new 6-room parsonage, and hope to have it ready soon.—Floy Hudson.

ADAIRSVILLE, Ga.—We closed a 2 weeks' revival with about 14 receiving the Holy Ghost and several saved and sanctified. The revival was conducted by our pastor, Rev. Stan Erwin. There were 3 added to the church and more are looking this way.

We also had our first home-coming September 25, and it will long be remembered because God surely did bless our souls. There were about 188 present. The home-coming opened with a very nice Sunday School, and Brother Erwin brought a wonderful sermon. Then we had an old-fashioned testimony service, and at the noon hour we had a good lunch spread on the church ground. The afternoon was spent in singing, and God blessed us with an offering of \$35 on the church. Rev. J. R. Sanders, of Crane Eater, and Rev. Roy Horton and Rev. N. G. Roberson, of Towe's Chapel, and Rev. T. E. Hogans, pastor at Shannon, Ga., spoke for us.—G. W. Fowler, Reporter.

MITCHELL, Ind.—We conducted a revival here with 7 souls saved, 6 sanctified, and several seeking for the Holy Ghost. We've had 56 in Y. P. E. both weeks. Pray for us.—Jack Miller.

ONEONTA, Ala.—The Dailey's Chapel Church of God has just closed a good revival, with R. E. Melvin doing the preaching. There were 2 saved, 2 sanctified, 8 baptized in water, and 5 added to the church. The church was greatly blessed.—Verdie Landrum, Pastor.

PRINCETON, N. C.—Rev. W. P. Pope, Jr., conducted a three weeks' revival at Princeton during the month of September. Six were saved, 3 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy

Ghost, 4 added to the church, and 7 baptized in water. We highly recommend Brother Pope to any church for a revival. During October and November another revival was held, with Rev. E. L. Moore, of Clayton, N. C. Eighteen were saved, 15 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 were added to the church. We thank God for our good pastor, Rev. Clyde W. Jones, and family.—Willie Allen, Church Clerk.

ODUM, Ga.—We have closed a good revival at Zion with Brother C. C. Johnson, of Waycross, doing the preaching. His messages were good and to the point because he preached old time holiness. A number prayed through to the Holy Ghost and the church was helped because of the inspirational messages.—A. G. Carroll, Pastor.

COBBTOWN, Ga.—The Hillside Church of God recently had a very successful revival conducted by Evangelist Walter C. Mauldin. There were 9 saved, 5 sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the church. The Sunday School broke its record attendance on the last Sunday of the meeting, with 156 present. Any pastor desiring a real evangelist would do well to contact Brother Mauldin.—Lewis Stover, Jr., Pastor.

THE BIG FISHERMAN

By Lloyd C. Douglas

The Big Fisherman is the story of Simon Peter, that most lovable and human of the apostles of Jesus. You meet him first at the Sea of Galilee, a powerful, two-fisted, profane and irreverent fishing boss, who lays down his net to follow Jesus to Calvary.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL



SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

BUTTRICK SAYS CHRIST'S DEITY NOT PROVABLE

Dr. George A. Buttrick, a former president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, addressed the annual meeting of the Church of the Brethren at Ocean Grove, N. J., and, as recorded in the June 17 issue of Conference Talk which reported different events of the conference, Dr. Buttrick denied possible proof of the deity of Christ. The report is given by the Brethren Fundamentalists as follows:

"Dr. Buttrick told the Brethren 'in a stirring call' to recognize Jesus Christ as deity. In a message, especially designed for the Brethren, the eminent New York clergyman said a lot of 'wonderful' things, and concluded by remarking, 'Moreover, it is impossible to prove the deity of Jesus, for if it were possible to so prove the nature of Jesus, the mind of the believer would be bound. Instead, we know that He is deity only at the risk of venture. . . .'"

THEY HAVE OUR THANKS

Believe it or not, there are 175 daily papers in the United States which are so dry they refuse to take any kind of liquor advertising; and there are 1,950 weekly newspapers which refuse to carry any kind of advertising for any of the so-called alcoholic beverages, according to the American Businessmen's Research Foundation. There are also a number of leading magazines which refuse to accept liquor advertising.

ALLIANCE HITS "MERCENARY INVASIONS" OF LORD'S DAY

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Resolutions designed to preserve Sunday against "mercenary invasions" were adopted here by the sixty-first anniversary meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance in the United States.

The Alliance's Board of Managers noted a tendency on the part of public officials to promote activities "not in keeping with the sacred character of the Sabbath Day."

The Alliance, which is supported by twenty-two major Protestant denominations, pledged also to fight for enforcement of the present state laws as applied to the closing of grocery and delicatessen stores. It further promised to press for measures to close these stores all day on Sunday.

EVANGELICAL VICTORY

A threefold victory for Bible Schools was wrought by the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges in Washington, D. C., recently. The American Council on Education called a meeting of all accrediting agencies for a two-day conference on November 15 and 16. Representatives for the AABIC were Dr. Thomas Moseley, president of Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, New York, and also president of the Accrediting Association, and Dr. Terrelle Crum, dean of Providence Bible Institute and secretary-treasurer of AABIC. Dr. Crum reports that "a more favorable attitude toward Bible schools from other accrediting bodies was evidenced."

Also, the Army announced that Bible Insti-

tute training would meet the chaplaincy requirement for 120 semester hours of college work. The Office of the Attorney General gave its approval to the Collegiate Division, AABIC, for instructing students from foreign countries.

NAVY GOES CATHOLIC?

Protest has been voiced in Washington over the participation of United States Navy planes in a Catholic celebration. A squadron of Naval Air Reserve planes was sent 100 miles from Willow Grove Naval Air Station to New Columbus, Pa., to participate in a Roman Catholic procession to honor St. Theresa. Apparently the mission had authorization through the offices of Secretary of the Navy, Francis P. Matthews, a Catholic. Why United States military equipment should add its enhancement to a particular function of a particular religion is difficult to understand.

HEART FAITH OF JEWS

The following report is an indication of the heart faith of the Jews in their right to the land of their fathers in Palestine. It is reported that over 200,000 German and Austrian Jewish refugees, victims of Nazi atrocities in Austria, have attained their dream of reaching Israel. A glass casket containing 30 urns filled with ashes, representing all that remains of the ill-fated 200,000, was flown to Lydda, from whence the long funeral procession commenced, going through Tel Aviv on to Jerusalem for burial. Traffic was halted everywhere as a token of homage as the procession passed in view of thousands of spectators who lined the streets. In Jerusalem, the cortege, numbering some 4,000 persons, slowly wended through main streets to the Yeshurun Synagogue, where Rabbi Uziel delivered the final eulogy.

THE CLOCK OF THE AGES

The relation of Old and New Testaments to the mysteries of God is nicely set forth in Augustine's famous saying: Novum Testamentum in Vetere latet; Vetus, in Novo patet. "The New Testament is in the Old concealed, while the Old is by the New revealed." The mystery of the gospel mainly rests on four facts: Christ's sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection. The Old Testament contained these enigmas in prophecy and history, symbol and sacrament. Bengel says it was like a clock moving in silence and in darkness. The machinery was there—the hands were moving on the dial, but few heard clearly or saw clearly the wondrous things of God. But the New Testament is God's Aeonologium, the clock of the ages, with an illumined dial, and a grand apparatus that strikes the hours.

—CHRISTIAN LIFE.

'FAITH DENIED'

"One of the strangest phenomena of our times is the devotion of many American clergymen to the United Nations in face of the fact that it is by choice a godless organization. Its sessions, unlike those of our Congress or even of our national conventions, are not opened with prayer."

"The excuse often made for these omissions is that the delegates, being children of many faiths, are therefore unable to agree on any common form of devotion. In fact, of course, only the fewest of the delegates deny the existence of a Supreme Being, though the others may call on Him by many different names. A form of prayer acceptable to Christians, Buddhists, Mohammedans, Jews, and followers of other religions could be found readily enough."

"The obstacle from the start has been the dogmatic godlessness of the Russians. The Divine Spirit is not invoked at the sessions of the United Nations, merely to avoid offense to Communists."

It is astonishing that an organization founded upon so shameless a yielding to Islam can command the support in this country of men who have dedicated their lives to the spread of religion."

(Reprint from Chicago Tribune, Editorial Page, 5-27-48)

EYE OPENER

Odds against your getting killed in an auto accident in the course of a year are 4,800 to 1, but if you're one of the 4,700,000 air-minded folk averaging 570 miles in flight per year, it's 94,000 to 1 you won't be in a fatal crash. You'll be 20 times safer traveling by air.

—Berton Braley in N. Y. Times Magazine.

SOCIALISM'S PRAYER

(From the flyleaf of Communist textbooks)
Our Socialism which is on the earth
Respected be thy name;
Thine influence come,
Thy will be done, as in the cities, so in the fields.
Give us this day our daily bread;
Do not pardon us if we pardon our enemies.
And lead us not into the hand of the clergy.
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

—Western Voice

WAR RELIEF

Evangelical Designation

Is Asked in CROP Gifts

CHICAGO—"Be sure to designate your CROP gifts to NAE" is the burden of an official letter sent to all National Association of Evangelical leaders in rural areas by Dr. R. L. Decker, executive secretary of the Association. "The Christian Rural Overseas Program, abbreviated as CROP, is soliciting gifts from the American farmers to feed the hungry abroad," reads the bulletin. "This program has already been in operation in some sections of the country, and is planned to prevail throughout the country. The program is exceedingly well organized. Usually, the local committee of sponsors and solicitors is made up of the community's most prominent citizens. This program has government endorsement and is sponsored by the relief agencies of practically all the religious relief organizations. The War Relief Commission of the NAE has been invited to participate, and has accepted the invitation. Many of our countrymen have been solicited already by CROP workers and, unfortunately, some of their contributions have been routed through channels not acceptable to us because they did not know that they could designate their gifts through the War Relief Commission of the NAE."

OKLAHOMA'S DRYS START NEW DRIVE TO OUTLAW BEER

OKLAHOMA CITY, (U.P.)—Viciously dry leaders joyfully sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" today and then started a drive against Oklahoma bootleggers and dealers in 3.2 beer.

The decisive defeat of repeal in yesterday's special election was described by spokesmen for the United Dry Association as proof that Oklahomans want the state even drier than it now is.

Oklahomans rejected abolition of the "bone dry" laws by a vote of 310,889 to 262,625 with all but 177 of the State's 3,721 precincts counted.

It was the sixth time since statehood in 1907 that Sooners had junked a repeal amendment.

SINNER FIRST

In the square outside the church, the soldiers came to a halt. A bomb had demolished one wing of the edifice, and it was evident that there was room for only about half the company.

"Sergeant," ordered the captain, "tell the men who don't want to go to church to fall out."

More than half of the men eagerly disavowed themselves of the privilege.

"Now, sergeant," said the captain, "dismiss all the men who did not fall out, and march the others in—they need it most."—Converted Catholic.

THE EARTH

By Clarence H. Benson

"Dr. Benson deals with a live subject in an interesting and helpful manner and from the standpoint of an humble preacher who believes the Bible and knows why, having at the same time a working knowledge of science."—The Baptist Trumpet. Price \$1.25.

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Sermonettes

"KEEP THY FOOT"

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil," Eccl. 5:1.

Three things have always been a mystery to me. Why do some people always hold out the children of the "other fellow" as examples to their own? Why do some folks always compare the work of the present pastor with that of his predecessor? Why do some people always think the church of the "other fellow" is the best?

In my opinion, such folks need a dose of good old-fashioned loyalty, loyalty to the home ties and home fires. No child should be belittled by having his parents magnify his faults while they extol the virtues of another. No pastor should be criticized just because he does not fall right into the harness where his predecessor left off, and neither should a church be criticized just because the glow from its fire is of a different hue than that of some other church.

I was astonished recently. I was attending a church prayer meeting. The membership of that particular group was struggling under a heavy financial burden, having been in a new building less than two years. They are about as faithful a group of people to their financial obligations as one could hope to find anywhere, and should be commended for their faithfulness and the sacrifices which they must necessarily make in order to make a "go" of things; but, up popped a member of long years' standing, who had had occasion to visit another denomination during a vacation period. Of all the belittling of her own church (seemed she was just coming back to "nothing"), and how she did extol the "sweet unity" and "power" of the "other fellow's" church! I never heard the like. It was almost nauseating. And the strange part of it all, the particular denomination she was exalting has never been able to even get a church established in our community, although they have made several attempts. It was then I began to realize why the above scripture has always been a favorite of mine. If one

does not "keep his foot" when he goes to the house of the Lord, he can be very damaging, not only to himself, but to others.

Words fitly spoken are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver"; but let a visitor happen into a service and hear a member belittling his own crowd, and see what happens. People want none of that! So let's "keep our foot" when we go to the house of the Lord, and let folks see our "good works" that our Father which is in heaven might be glorified. He knows how to keep the "home fires" burning; it is up to us to furnish the vessel for the fuel.

*"Trim your feeble lamp, my brother!
Some poor sailor, tempest-tossed;
Trying now to make the harbor,
In the darkness may be lost.
Let the lower lights be burning,
Send a gleam across the wave!
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman,
You may rescue, you may save."*

—Mrs. Lindsay C. Davis.

A LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY

"But when he (Jesus) saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd," Matt. 9:36.

As Jesus went about teaching, preaching, and healing all manner of sickness and disease, He was moved by compassion because the people needed a shepherd to care for them. A good shepherd will feed the flock, leading them to greener pastures, so their souls will be refreshed. The shepherd will also be on the alert to keep the flock from danger, and, by the guidance of the Heavenly Father, lead them in the straight paths away from steep and questionable ways.

Today many are going about as wolves in sheep's clothing, teaching false doctrines and trying to deceive the nations. As God's children, we should earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers and shepherds to care for a confused and troubled people.

We find many pastors preaching to their flocks to return to their first love, which is good. Yet, I'm persuaded

that we, as the ministers of Jesus Christ, need to be better examples in this ourselves. The apostle Paul said in 1 Cor. 11:1, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

If God's ministers fail to be loving and compassionate to both saint and sinner, their work will not produce good results. Souls can be won to Christ if we, by compassion, serve as thoughtful, loving leaders should. We are responsible for souls, and they cannot be won to Christ by force. Salvation is not compulsory, but is the privilege of every soul.

When God's servants lose their visions of souls and think too much about comfortable living, they are sure to fail their flock. But a shepherd who takes Jesus as his example will sacrifice and deny himself to care for the flock. Then it is the duty of the flock to support him.—Ruby Brewer, Newport, Ind.

HOW ARE WE SERVING GOD?

Text: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Rom. 12:1.

In order to present our bodies to God, we must first forsake all things. "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me," Matt. 10:37. "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life," Matt. 19:29. That is a promise of God, and God cannot lie. Think of it, SHALL inherit EVERLASTING life.

After forsaking things, we have yet to consecrate our bodies. Matthew tells us (16:24), "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." You say, "Why did Jesus say this?" I believe it was to warn against desiring more of this world than we should. The Holy Word tells us that "having food and raiment, let us therewith be content." After all, the nice homes, land, and other things of this world are going to

pass away. Why then should we set our minds on these things so much? Let us keep on working for God, for our labor is worth while, and a great reward will be given to us which we shall enjoy forever and ever. Let us keep ourselves dedicated to His service as long as we live.—Charles Trotter, Evangelist.

SHOULD WE HAVE GOVERNMENT IN THE CHURCH

In Isa. 9:6, we find these words, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." This is evidence by God's Word that it is His will to have government.

Some may say this is in the Old Testament, but, in the New Testament, 1 Cor. 12:28 reads, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

Some seem to think that church government is too binding, but on the authority of God's Word, one under church government is far from being unduly bound. Instead, he is set free! Just recently I have heard different people make the statement that they never felt so free in all their Christian experience as they have since they became members of the Church of God. This is not difficult to understand, for the Church of God stands for the whole Bible, rightly divided. The New Testament is the only rule for government and discipline. This is a sure foundation. There is no other.

Jesus said in Matt. 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock will I build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." In the days of the apostles, in 2 Peter 2:10, "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." These were people who did not want to be governed by organization but they only found themselves in want.

So it is today with some. Having had experience with these people, and having been brought face to face with many, I found heart-rending situations existed. They had no government; anybody could preach;

everybody was boss, and nobody boss; no foundation, and no place to call their own, the church being individually owned.

I preached three months at a free church, hoping to place them on a sure foundation. In that time I took one offering and received thirty-five cents, which a visiting brother from another organization gave. That evening I got notice to leave, or to be gone the next morning; another brother was to be there to take my place. This mission, in a very short time, closed and is still closed and decaying. Other churches individually owned have closed and remain closed; others have been torn down; and God's children have been scattered. One wouldn't know how many have been turned from God in such confusion, where there is unrest, and every wind of doctrine has been preached. So, does it pay to have government?

Ministers and members of the Church of God, let us stay solidly behind this great movement and those who have the rule over us, so that 1950 will be a great success for God and His Church.—W. W. Williams, Pastor, Perry, Iowa.

INDEPENDENT

"... Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me..." Luke 15:12.

These were words spoken by a young man who had reached manhood, or thought he had, and had come to the place in life that he no more needed Father's care. Without asking Father's advice about the matter, he took the portion of goods his father gave him and took his journey into a far country, with the one thought in mind that he would be independent, that he would be his own boss, make his own money, have his kind of friends, live his own kind of life and rejoice evermore.

His father gave him his portion of goods and let him go, probably warning him of what would happen; being grieved in heart at the decision the young man had taken. This young fellow left on his own accord, reached his destination, found his kind of friends, wasted his money, lived his kind of life, but lost his self-respect.

The time came when he had no income, no friends, and found himself feeding swine, "and he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him." Discouraged,



Rev. L. E. Stephens

despondent, sad, lonely, homesick, hungry, ragged, filthy, and disgusted with his surroundings, he came to himself and said, "I will arise and go to my father. I have learned my lesson the hard way." He would, no doubt, tell us today, "Don't take the way I took." Yet, in the day that you and I live there are many, either in the church, or have been, who let the devil put that same spirit in their hearts to be independent. They get to feeling that if the church doesn't let them have their way, they will just take their portion and leave. Look out, friend, you know the church is God's house. It would be best to ask the Heavenly Father about it first. He would advise you not to leave the house of God, because there are pigpens awaiting you in the world.

Some people would like to submit themselves to church government if they could be the governors; if not, they'll just go independent! Others would like to be in the church if they could hold on to the world with one hand. "If I can't wear my rings, paint my face, smoke cigarettes, bob my hair, go to movies, etc., I'll never be a member of the Church of God." Oh, neighbor, why don't you come to yourself. You're in the world's pigpen and don't realize it. Arise, repent and come to our Heavenly Father. He will give you the joy for which your heart is yearning. Thank God for a church on this earth in our day that has a standard of sanctification through faith in the

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State Activities . . .

GOOD NEWS FROM OHIO

Our hearts fill with praise and our souls become stirred when we stop to think of the blessings of God which are being manifest throughout the State of Ohio. Many of our churches have been experiencing what could be termed their greatest revivals, in which many are being saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church.

Of particular interest recently is the great number who have been receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We have been notified that in the revival which Brother Edenfield conducted in Cincinnati, where Brother Luther Turner is pastor, approximately one hundred were filled with the Holy Ghost. In a recent revival in Findlay, twenty received the Holy Ghost. J. E. Dover was the evangelist. The Springfield Church recently enjoyed a splendid meeting conducted by Rev. Bobbie Ball, in which twenty were filled with the Holy Ghost. West Dayton also reports a great revival with Sister Annie Kilgore as the evangelist. Twenty-five received the Holy Ghost in this campaign. In addition to these, a number of our other churches have enjoyed splendid revival meetings in which many have received experiences from the Lord.

We are also grateful to God for the fine new church buildings which have been built in the various sections of the State. The hard work and the sacrifices of the pastors and laity are certainly to be appreciated. We have a fine new church building, 30x50 feet, in North Ridgeville, Ohio—Cleveland. The church was recently organized with ten members, and its future prospects are excellent. C. E. Hoffman is the pastor.

A short time ago a church was set in order at Portsmouth, with fourteen members. A nice church building has been purchased in Portsmouth in which worship is now conducted. We are believing for a fine work here in the future. Rev. J. B. Ellington, assisted by Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Sprague, are in charge of this work.

On December 4, the dedicatory service was held for the attractive new church building at Oxford, Ohio. This building is 32x58 feet. The service was a blessed one, and God put His divine

approval upon it. Joel Brown is the pastor at Oxford. This work certainly has fine prospects for great increases in the future.

The Fairborn Church (formerly known as Fairfield) has recently finished construction of another fine church building, which is 34x60 feet. The dedicatory service for this building was held Sunday, January 15. Ancil Carter is pastor. With the new church building, greater things can be expected.

The Sidney Church, where Coy Laws is pastor, has also been engaged in a church construction program. At the present time, a church basement has been constructed, which is 32x50 feet. We hope that God will bless this work in such a way in the near future that completion of the church building will be possible, and that greater increases in every department will be experienced.

Let us pray that God will continue to smile upon us with His favor.

—E. C. Clark, State Overseer.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S L.W.W.B. ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Houston R. Morehead,
State President

Greetings to all of you. Up to this date we have received sixty-four reports for the month of November. That's really good, but it represents less than half of our churches. Wouldn't it be good if we could make it 100 per cent, starting the new year right?

We list the twelve Bands raising the highest amounts for November:

Marion	\$255.72	Lancaster	\$108.08
Walhalla		Pelzer	107.77
No. 1	193.05	S. Green-	
Ninety Six	138.00	wood	106.70
Honea Path	134.13	Laurens	105.20
Spartanburg		Tucapau	86.22
No. 1	111.00	Cleveland	82.08
Anderson	109.04		

VIRGINIA'S DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Our district conventions will begin on Friday nights. Saturday will be made a big day. We hope that every pastor, and as many members as possibly can, will attend these day services. Last year our Saturday meetings

were well attended and I feel that the day was well spent.

The conventions will close with the Saturday night services. These meetings will be dedicated to missions and the regular district mission offerings will be received. The Orphanage offering will be taken up Friday night.

The dates of conventions last year seemed to be very satisfactory; therefore, we are setting them for about the same date this year.

Norfolk	March 3, 4
Danville	March 10, 11
Richmond	March 17, 18
Waynesboro	March 24, 25
Alexandria	March 31, April 1
Roanoke	April 7, 8
New River	April 14, 15
Pulaski	April 21, 22
Marion	April 28, 29
Bluefield	May 5, 6
Appalachian	May 12, 13
Clinchfield	May 19, 20

WE HAVE FAITH THAT ALL WILL BE THERE DOING THEIR PART to make these conventions what they ought to be.—John C. Jernigan, State Overseer.

ALABAMA PRAYER CONFERENCE REPORT

On January 3, the ministers met at the local church at Prichard, Mobile, Alabama, for our Ministers' Prayer Conference. Although this was at the most southern point of the State, we had one hundred twenty-two ministers present for the opening service.

I don't believe I have ever heard better singing and preaching. I know we had some of the best fellowship I have even seen existing among ministers in my several years of experience in state work. Our Assistant General Overseer remarked to me privately that he had never seen such spirituality and fellowship existing among ministers as we had in our Alabama meeting.

Brother Tharp, Brother Taylor, Brother Spencer and I met with a group of ministers from an organization known as the Church of God with headquarters at Mobile. This group represented twenty-eight churches. They voted to unite with the Church of God. Several of the ministers came on Wednesday night; one came around after service and whispered to me, "I like the teachings, the government and all parts of the church, but I had one fear, which has all been erased after tonight. I had heard that the larger Pentecostal

groups were becoming formal in their worship. I have no more doubts; you are going to hear many good reports from our works."

Eternity alone will tell the good that was done in this conference.—W. E. Johnson, State Overseer.

SCHEDULE OF NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

District	Date
Filmington	February 22, 23
Fayetteville	February 24, 25
Charlotte	February 27, 28
Morehead City	March 4, 5
Erwin	March 6, 7
Raleigh	March 9, 10
Henderson	March 11, 12
Kannapolis	March 15, 16
Winston-Salem	March 17, 18
Rockingham	March 23, 24
Statesville	March 25, 26

Schedule for other districts will be announced later.—E. W. Williams, State Overseer.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Little Rock, March 10-12, R. E. Shaw, district pastor.

Cave City, March 18-19, E. C. Palmer, district pastor.

Lamar, March 25-26, E. N. Dunnagan, district pastor.

Harrison, March 31-April 2, O. L. Blair, district pastor.

Pine Bluff, April 7-9, G. W. Tingle, Blair, district pastor.

Herber Springs, April 14-16, R. A. Garner, district pastor.

Marked Tree, April 21-23, J. L. Ball, district pastor.

Searcy, April 28-30, G. G. Prince, district pastor.—L. L. Hughes, State Overseer.

ALABAMA DISTRICT CONVENTION

Mobile District	March 4, 5
Montgomery District	March 11, 12
Dothan District	March 18, 19
Clanton District	March 25, 26
Boaz District	April 1, 2
Anniston District	April 6, 7
Bessemer District	April 13, 14
Tuscaloosa District	April 15, 16
Bradford District	April 20, 21
Fort Payne District	April 22, 23
Birmingham District	April 27, 28
Cullman District	April 29, 30
Talladega District	May 4, 5
Oneonta District	May 6, 7
Dora District	May 11, 12
Scottsboro District	May 13, 14
Alabama City District	May 18, 19
Decatur District	May 20, 21
Lanett District	May 25, 26
Thomasville District	May 27, 28

—W. E. Johnson, State Overseer.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES

Detroit District—March 31-April 1, at East Detroit, Rev. James Stephens, district pastor.

Grand Ledge District—April 7, 8, at Grand Ledge. J. A. Biskner, district pastor.

Pontiac District—April 14, 15, at Ferndale. Rev. T. L. Forester, district pastor.

Wyandotte District—April 21, 22, at Wyandotte. Rev. E. O. Byington, district pastor.

Flint District—April 28, 29, at West Flint. Rev. R. E. Lovelle, district pastor.

Muskegon District—May 5, 6, at Muskegon. Rev. Lyle Jackson, district pastor.

North Woodville District—May 12, 13, at North Woodville. Rev. Lavall McGuire, district pastor.

Upper Peninsula District—June 13, 14, at Dollar Bay. Rev. A. O. Anderson, district pastor.

Let us make these service highlights in our community a real blessing.—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer.



This is almost all the ministers and their wives who are now working in Michigan, who attended the Ministers' Prayer Conference, in Wyandotte, January 2, 3. The Koshewitzes, Sister Forester and Brother Skutar had just left when the photographer arrived. There were just four ministers who didn't get to attend at all. We were all so glad to see our dear Brother A. O. Anderson from way up North and I am sure he enjoyed the fellowship, also.

Our Subscribers Write . . .

I am one of the many American soldiers in Germany. There are times when the load is heavy, but I always look to my loving Saviour and pray about it, and after I pray about it I can do my work better and feel better, because I know my Saviour is with me. I have been overseas for a year now, and my loving aunt, of the Shepherd's Fold, La., Church of God, has been sending me the *Evangel* for the past year. It makes my heart rejoice when I read that the churches back in the United States are doing wonderful work in their revivals, and that people are being healed of sickness.

Pray for me and the many soldiers of Germany and other parts of the world. My home is in Madisonville, La., and I am stationed in Darmstadt, Germany.—Cpl. Gracie Jenkins, 18275782, Co. B, 1st Engr. (c) Bn., APO 175, c/o P.M., N. Y., N. Y.

I am sending you my personal check for a subscription to the *Evangel*. I really do enjoy the *Evangel* so much. I am sorry I let my subscription expire without renewing it, but I guess I was just careless about it. I have very severe headaches sometimes and I just place the *Evangel* on my head and pray and it seems to do me so much good.—Mrs. L. T. Rathbone, Bessemer City, N. C.

I would like to say, Brother Bright, that I enjoy the *Evangel* immensely. I think it is a great paper. I am always eager to obtain it and to see who has written in it each week. Also, the Church news is eagerly awaited each week. May God continue to bless you in your work as my prayer.—Willey W. Miller, Hamilton, Ohio.

I surely do appreciate the *Evangel*. It is the best paper I have ever read. It is filled with good spirit from page to page. I thank the Lord for having the privilege of passing a good paper like the *Evangel* to lost souls.—Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Screven, Ga.

Excerpt of a letter to Rev. W. L. Myers, Decatur, Ala.

Dear Brother Myers:

I have just read your article, "The Pentecostal Groups," in the December

3 issue of the *Church of God Evangel*. Allow me to express my sincere appreciation for your ably written article. Your article is sane, sensible, and Christlike. May God continue to bless you in your good work for the Master.—With brotherly love, Dan T. Muse.

I have been reading the *Evangel*, and I want you to know how much I have enjoyed it. It really has helped me. Most of all, I like the testimonies on healing. I know the Lord can heal, and will, if we have the faith, and that is where I fall short. I said if the Lord would touch my body I would write about it, and He has. I truly thank Him. Pray for me that I will have faith to trust Him. Pray for my lost brothers and sisters, that they will be saved before it is too late.

Pray for my mother; her body needs healing.—Mrs. Edith Benefield, Detroit, Michigan.

I thank and praise God for the dear old *Evangel*. It has been a welcome visitor in my home for 15 or more years, and I couldn't get along without it. I can't understand how our Church people get along without our Church paper. I always use the *Evangel* in sickness. Last week my little grandbaby almost had the croup, and put him to bed and placed the *Evangel* on him, and the Lord healed him. I have been trusting God for almost 20 years and He has never failed me yet. I also praise God for that good editorial in the November 26 *Evangel*. I thank God that the Church of God has a few preachers that aren't afraid of their bread and butter or of hurting someone's feelings. I don't think one can get too churchy if the Church preaches and stands for the old-time Church of God doctrine that I came in under about 20 years ago.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

TYREE

Sister Belle Tyree, a faithful member of the Church of God at East Jenkins, Ky., passed from this life Jan. 2, 1950, at the age of sixty-nine years. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, Anderson Tyree, and four children. We feel like our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Willie Cook.—Mrs. Vick Slaughter, Clerk.

GILLETT

Sister Mary Belle Gillett went to be with the Lord Dec. 28, 1949. Being a member of the Church of God for over thirty years she will be missed greatly in the local church at Hudson, Fla. May God's blessings be upon all the bereaved family, for our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by the district pastor, Rev. M. M. Thomas, assisted by Rev. Wallis, the postmaster here.—Her pastor and son-in-law, J. C. Cox, Hudson, Fla.

RICHARDSON

Mr. John H. Richardson, a member of the Church of God in Andrews, S. C., slipped away to be with Jesus Jan. 13, 1950. We, his friends and loved ones, may grieve and worry but we have the consolation that if we live

for the Lord we can meet him in heaven. Brother Richardson died of a stroke. The funeral was conducted in the Church of God by his pastor, Rev. J. L. Jenkins, assisted by Rev. R. E. Powers and Rev. Authur Graham. Brother Richardson leaves to mourn his death his wife, four children, a sister and a brother, and a host of friends and loved ones.—Miss Geneva Mixon, Church Reporter.

MITCHELL

Mary Jane Mitchell was born in Bath, Ohio, March 16, 1872, and died Jan. 14, 1950. She was a member of the Church of God in Corona, Calif. Her pastor, Sister Sallie Jeffreys, assisted by Rev. Jesse Jeffreys, officiated at the funeral. She had lived in this community for the past 30 years. She leaves a son, Emmett C. Mitchell, and 2 daughters, Miss Manilla M. Mitchell and Mrs. Eleanor Cluse; 2 grandsons and 2 sisters.—Mrs. Harriette M. Todd, Reporter.

DANIEL

Brother Charles Marcus Daniel, age 71, departed this life January 11, 1950. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, 7 children, and a number of other relatives and friends. He was a member of the West Side, Atlanta, Ga., Church of God. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Jeff Dale. Pray for his wife and children.—Mrs. Jeff Dale.

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE GREAT COMMISSION



Text: Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Introduction: The task of winning souls is the greatest work in which any Christian may be engaged. More consideration should be given this great work than any other, for it, no doubt, has been sadly neglected in the past. The text says, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." The Son of man is no more here in person to seek the lost, but He has ambassadors to fill His place, and, oh, what a big place to fill! Has it been filled consistently? The only honest way to answer the question is to consider Christ Himself.

First, the true spirit of evangelism reaches, or should reach, throughout the entire Church. In other words, the spirit of evangelism is not confined to the ministry alone, but should burn in the heart of every believer. In fact, before there can be a successful revival in any church or community, which means a harvest of lost souls, there must exist through the entire church a passion for lost souls. Then, in order to win souls, the soul-winner must bear a burden for souls.

When we think of the Church we think of home and motherhood. Every individual must be born again before he can enter heaven. True motherhood involves birth, and birth involves privations, sufferings, and travail. True motherhood is an about face of the care free life enjoyed by the single woman. The true church is a spiritual mother, and when she loses part of that true motherhood, namely, "the

passion that wins souls," she has suffered a great loss. In Sarah's day, it was a reproach to be barren, but a blessing from God to bring forth children. In the latter years, there has been a reversal to this and birth control has been instituted in many homes—many of them professed holiness homes. The devil has deceived many churches with the idea of spiritual birth control. If God should send His angel down to make a record, I wonder how many motherly churches could be found. Has the latter-day church, in a degree, thrown off the duty of true motherhood? Are we losing the true spirit of evangelism the early Church possessed?

Let us now consider the text and the spirit of evangelism that possessed our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

"And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," Matt. 19:16, 17. Please notice how quickly Christ diverted the conversation from Himself, and to the spirit and passion which He possessed in His soul for the lost. Here was man who professed to be one of God's chosen people, but Jesus knew what he lacked. He, therefore, pushed the sword on down to the spot where it hurt, and we notice the result—Christ rejected. The man turned away sorrowful, saying by his

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actions, "It is hard; who can do it?" The very thing that hurts so badly is sometimes the very thing we should give to arouse people out of spiritual slumber.

In John 3:1, we find a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, who came to Jesus by night and began to flatter Him by saying, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest except God be with him." But immediately Jesus stopped the flattery and leveled His preaching to the need of this man, and the passion of His soul began to speak. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye must be born again."

The born-again experience is wrought in the individual's life by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ and His atoning blood, and not because of a personal knowledge of how it is done. We come to know Him by believing in Him and accepting Him by faith rather than a full knowledge of the plan of redemption. It is God's plan that we accept Christ by faith, and God will reveal the mysteries in His own time.

I am sure that many unsaved people witness the manifestation of God's Holy Ghost in the congregation of the righteous, and the proof of its reality is driven home to their hearts; but because of the subtlety of Satan, they are made to believe it is unwise to accept that which they cannot understand. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that born of the Spirit," John 3:8. What God would have the people do is enjoy fishing out of the spiritual streams of salvation without any explanation from Him. When people can

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Georgia's District Conventions



By State Overseer E. L. Simmons

Our conventions are, in a general way, showing that the churches in Georgia are making progress. The financial progress is not so good as it might have been had it not been for the crop shortage.

FITZGERALD DISTRICT

On the afternoon of November 9, we arrived at the home of Brother T. W. Godwin. It did not take us long to find that things were in readiness for the convention. The preachers came in for an afternoon session with the overseer and listened to a sermon on the ministers' position in the Church. Saturday night a sermon was delivered on tithing by Charles Clayton.

It was to the point, and I believe every real Christian in the house must have resolved that hereafter he or she would be a tither.

The Sunday morning service was a mission service. After the sermon, a floor offering was taken, which, being added to the offering brought in from the churches, amounted to \$138.78.

JESUP DISTRICT

The Jesup District is the largest in membership of any of our South Georgia districts, having 767 members. The convention was held on Thursday and Friday afternoons, December 1, 2. A goodly number was present on Thursday afternoon to listen to the state overseer's instructions to the ministers.

The night service was overflowing in attendance. Two wonderful sermons were delivered, one by B. S. Taylor and the other by Roy Harris. These men are real wide-awake preachers. Friday was a great day of fellowship.

At the Friday evening service, Brother H. V. Fowler delivered a very instructive message. This was followed by a mission service in which an offering of \$163 was received.

HAZLEHURST CONVENTION

Hazlehurst is possibly our baby district, as it has only six churches. But when the time came for the convention on December 3, they were there at 3 p.m.

At the Saturday night service, the singing was grand. The night service was evangelistic, and two great sermons were delivered by O. V. Brown, pastor at Bridgeford, and J. B. Merritt, overseer of the Swainsboro District.

Sunday was another great mission day. All churches on the district had a good delegation. The mission sermon was delivered by the overseer, and an offering was taken amounting to \$75.45.

The afternoon service was taken up principally with reports from the various churches.

MACON DISTRICT

I sent Brother Stanley (state secretary) to moderate the convention, due to my wife's sickness, and, from the news he brought the convention was on par with the others. The reports showed that the ministerial cooperation has been fine. I have also been told that Brother Stanley preached an excellent mission sermon. The mission offering from all sources amounted to \$282.86; besides this, enough was pledged when it is paid to make it out to \$347.86.

ATLANTA DISTRICT

The Atlanta District convention was another midweek convention, at least it convened on Friday and Saturday. The district is the largest in the State, having sixteen churches and 1,074 members.

The convention was held at the Riverside church, where District Overseer G. R. Watson is the pastor. Brother Watson had everything in readiness.

The first night service was given to instructions by the overseer. All min-

isters were present except two. Saturday afternoon reports from the churches were made and they showed considerable progress.

The mission service was held Saturday night. Though the crowd was not so large as we had anticipated, those present gave liberally. The offering from all sources was \$393.79.

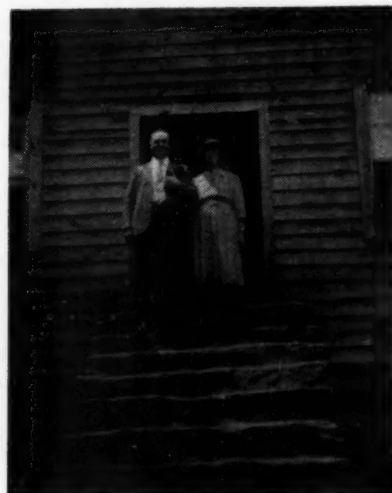
CEDARTOWN DISTRICT

The Cedartown District convention convened at Carrollton church January 6, 7. It was another Friday and Saturday convention. Long before the first service, the people were gathering in. The overseer spoke from Psalm 133. Every soul seemed to be elevated to higher heights of fellowship.

Saturday afternoon was a time of reporting, and the reports were wonderful. The new church at Bowden, new parsonage at Tallapoosa, the new addition to the church at Bremen, and a great number of improvements at the other places spoke well for the district.

Saturday night was mission service, and what a service it was! The offering was \$170.52. Long will live the memory of these conventions.

MEMORY CORNER



Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Hunter, standing in the door of the Glassy Mountain church while he was the faithful pastor in 1940. Glassy Mountain is about twenty miles north of Greenville, S. C., and was, at one time, notorious for "blockading" (making liquor) and bloodshed. There is a vast difference in the community's reputation now, and one will find some of the biggest-hearted Christian people there to be found anywhere, and the Church of God has had much to do in improving their social standing.

SERMONETTES

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cleansing blood of the Son of God and teaches right living. Such a life isn't a burden to me; it's my life, my joy, my peace, my satisfaction, my salvation. But you say, "Don't you get tired of men ruling over you and telling you what to do?" No, friend, I praise God for everyone of them. God the Father has ordained it that way. Thank God for the Church of God, its teachings, its standards. In Jesus Christ and the Church of God I am free indeed and have all the independence I desire. —L. E. Stephens, Pastor, Clovis, Calif.

EVANGELISTIC PASSION

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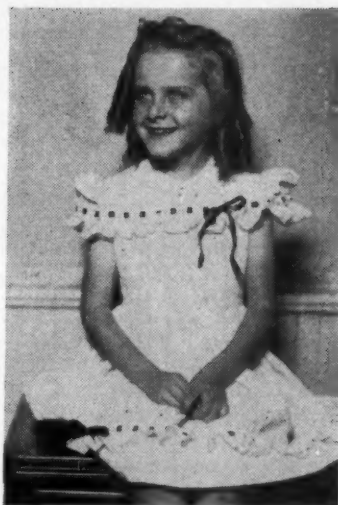
come to Jesus and enjoy His blessings without explanation, that is faith.

And again, I am sure that many Christians sit in the congregation of the righteous and feel the inspiration from the Almighty to do something for God, but because they cannot understand God's purpose in it, they fail to yield to conviction, and fail to help many souls find peace with God. What God would have His people do is obey the Holy Ghost and leave the results with Him.

In Heb. 5:7, we read, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared." Why all the praying and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him (God)? Was it concern for Himself? What was it that brought such travail, privations, and sufferings? Was it that force which moved within His breast, that passion for the lost? Are we, the Church of God today, possessed with such a passion for the lost? If not, why not? Do we get someone on our soul, and in compassion and pity take him to the throne of grace till God saves him? Christ possessed a deep passion for the lost, a passion deeper than language can express, which is revealed many times in the four Gospels. The passion which Christ possessed for lost souls was far stronger than the desire for any of the material things on earth.

Let *ME* seek and strive more earnestly than ever before for the true spirit of evangelism, for it is certainly needed if the Church would rescue the lost before Christ's coming. If we don't win them for Christ, they are lost eternally.

OBITUARIES



HADSOLL

On November 24, 1949, little Charmaine Hadsoll, of Seattle, Washington, was run down by a truck and died in 24 hours. Charmaine had lived only 8 years and 26 days and had spent 2 of those years in our Orphanage; therefore, the Church shares in this sense of loss. Yet, neither we nor the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hadsoll, sorrow as those who have no hope, for we are sure that Charmaine is now smiling with the thousands of children where accidents never occur. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, David Green, and R. C. Muncy, state overseer.

E. D. WILES PASSES ON TO REWARD

On November 27, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister E. D. Wiles and claimed for its victim, our precious Brother Wiles. Apparently in good health, about 3:30 a. m., he slipped away to be with Jesus before anyone could reach the home.

Survivors are his wife, 3 sons, 5 grandchildren, 1 brother, 5 sisters, relatives, friends, and brothers and sisters in the Church of God.

Brother Wiles' death has been a great loss to the Church of God in Columbus, Ohio, as well as to his home. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees and was also clerk of the local church. He had been a real pillar in the Church of God here for years and was one of our best members. Though our loss is great, we must

submit to the will of our God. He was a real consecrated Christian and had the love, respect, and confidence of all who knew him. About two days before his death, in the last service he attended, he gave a wonderful testimony that will never be forgotten by those who heard him. We believe Brother Wiles lived just like he would have wanted to live had he known just how soon he would have been called away. The life of this great man has given us all a desire to be more like Jesus and be ready if the summons comes unexpectedly as it did to him.—His pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Phillips.

WISWELL

Royal Wiswell, born in Merced, Calif., Jan. 29, 1871, departed this life Dec. 20, 1949, at the age of 78 years. He had been in failing health for the past 2 years. Funeral services were held in the Church of God in Corona, Calif., where he was a member. Sister Sallie Jeffreys officiated, with Rev. J. H. Yount assisting. Surviving are his wife, Susie Wiswell, 6 sons, Virgil, Olan, Emmett, Walter, Robert, and Jewel; 3 daughters, Mrs. Lottie Thomas, Mrs. Oma Thrift, and Mrs. Odessa Berryhill; 2 sisters, Mrs. Laura White and Mrs. Lula Huntington; 23 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.—Mrs. Harriette M. Todd, Reporter.

LEWIS

Mrs. Maggie Lewis, a faithful member of the Church of God at Decatur, Ala., departed this life January 17. She was the mother of Rev. L. L. Lewis, pastor of the Church of God at Hartselle, Ala. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, H. T. Statum, and W. L. Myers.

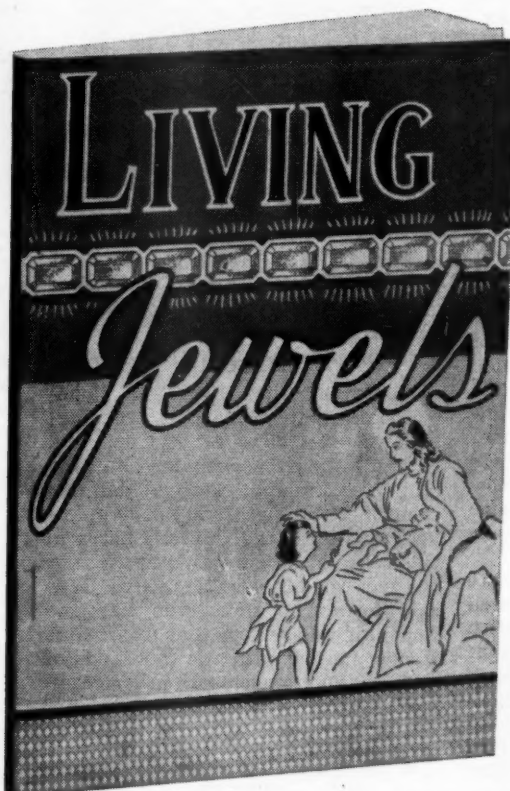
Sister Lewis enjoyed the Monday night evangelistic service greatly, but slipped away suddenly while preparing to go to service Tuesday night. She died like she had lived—victoriously. Therefore, her family, the church and her many friends do not mourn as those who have no hope.

BARNETT

Sister Viola Mae Barnett, a faithful member of the Church of God in Joplin, Mo., died Jan. 8, 1950, at the age of 29 years. Surviving her are her husband and 2 children and a host of friends. Our loss is heaven's gain.—Frank C. Guy, Pastor.

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